

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A sheet material handling system comprising:  
at least one support member having a substantially vertical support leg extending  
5 from a substantially horizontal base;  
a planar working surface connected to each support leg by a hinged connection  
which allows pivoting of the planar working surface with respect to each vertical support  
leg along a pivot axis; and  
a latching member operatively associated with the base configured to lock the  
10 pivoting of the planar working surface in a select position.
2. The sheet material handling system of claim 1 wherein the hinged  
connection comprises:  
a first tubular member attached to each vertical support leg;  
15 a second tubular member attached to the planar working surface and positioned in  
line with each first tubular members;  
a shaft running through each first and the second tubular members connecting them  
such that the second tubular member is free to pivot around the pivot axis with respect to  
each first tubular member.  
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3. The sheet material handling system of claim 2 wherein the shaft is  
removable, allowing the separation of the planar work surface from the vertical support  
legs.
- 25 4. The sheet material handling system of claim 1 further comprising a  
substantially horizontal base and at least one wheel operatively associated with each  
horizontal base.
5. The sheet material handling system of claim 4 further comprising means for

selectively positioning the wheel associated with a base above and below the base.

6. The sheet material handling system of claim 1 wherein the planar work  
surface further comprises a substantially rigid support layer and a softer cutting surface  
5 layer.

7. The sheet metal handling system of claim 1 wherein the latching member  
comprises:

a bar having first and second ends pivotally attached at the first end to a base, the  
10 second end being configured to align with a bracket on the underside of the planar work  
surface near its lengthwise edge, and

means for releasably attaching the second end of the bar to the bracket.

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